

Rampant corruption in DDA

†512. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is rampant corruption in Delhi Development Authority and the people of Delhi want to get rid of this organisation;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take some concrete steps in order to eliminate the corruption in this organisation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c), No, Sir. The Government has been consistently emphasizing the need to step up action against corruption through both preventive and enforcement measures aimed at reducing the scope for corruption; bringing in greater transparency and accountability; focussed attention to sensitive areas such as property-related matters, illegal and unauthorised constructions and encroachments, etc.; and effective action against those found guilty of malpractices. In this context, measures have been taken in DDA for strengthening the Management Information System for monitoring the progress of operations like conversion of properties from leasehold to freehold, sanction of building plans, issue of allotment / possession letters; streamlining of procedures for restoration / allotment of flats; computerisation including use of computers in draw of lots; organisation of bi-weekly Public Hearings by officers of the Director's level and above, etc.

DDA have reported that major penalty in 106 cases and minor penalty in 242 cases have been imposed during the period January, 1998 to January, 2001.

Sub-letting inquiries of press-pool quarters

513. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 87 given in Rajya Sabha on 20th November, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the said subletting inquiries were conducted on the basis of anonymous / pseudonymous complaints;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the latest guidelines of C.V.C. provide for not taking any cognizance of anonymous/pseudonymous complaints;

(c) if the reply to part (a) be in affirmative, then who is responsible for violating C.V.C.'s instructions; and

(d) the legal validity of the said inquiries conducted by and officer who himself is facing eviction proceedings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The said inquiries were conducted on the basis of specific complaints about sub-letting and many quarters were found sub-let.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) Question does not arise. Order No.3(v) / 99 / 2 dated 29.6.99 of CVC seeks to improve vigilance administration *per se* while preventing undue harassment of honest public officials.

(d) The inquiries were conducted by different teams of officers as ordered by the Estate Officer. There is no legal bar in the action of the Estate Officer to depute the concerned officer (s) to conduct the said inquiries.

Funds given by HUDCO for housing and construction of road in N.E. region

514. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount made available by HUDCO during the last five years for the house-building activities and construction of road in urban and rural areas in seven States of North-East region, State-wise and year- wise.

(b) the actual progress of construction in these States, so far;

(c) the number of people who have actually been allotted houses built out of this fund; and

(d) the reasons for the slow progress in the house building sector and the steps proposed to be taken to speed up the tempo of work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU